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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 18, 2006 in the above-identified application.

An extension of time to respond to the office action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.